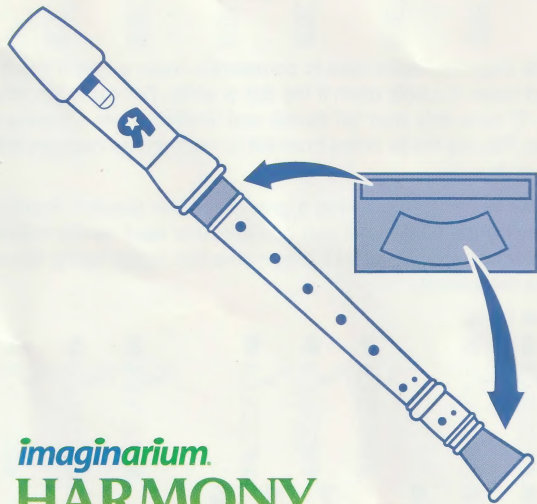


Instructions



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Learn to play the recorder and create
music for the whole family.



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Musical Recorder



How to play the recorder and play a concert for your family!

Everyone can learn how to play using these simple steps:

1. Finger placement: Practice placing your fingers over the recorder holes according to the diagram. Your left thumb should cover the top hole (behind the other holes), and your left forefinger, middle and ring fingers should cover the first 3 round holes from the top. The thumb on your right hand should support the recorder from the back, while the other four fingers need to completely cover the four holes on the lower part in the front.

2. Air control: If you blow too hard into the recorder, it will not make the notes correctly (and will not be fun for your audience!). With your fingers still on the holes from step #1, put the tip of the recorder's mouthpiece between your lips, but not past your teeth. Blow gently into the recorder. A good way to learn how hard to blow for the best sounds is thinking of blowing bubbles; if you blow too gently, they won't fly; blow too hard and they pop. Another helpful tip is to say "d-o-o-d" into the recorder to help start and stop the sound.

3. Playing angle:



"Too high!"



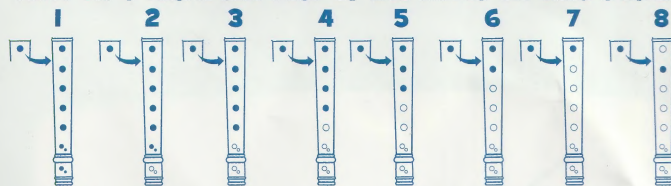
"Too low!"



"Just right!"

Now put all three steps together and play your very first note. Great!

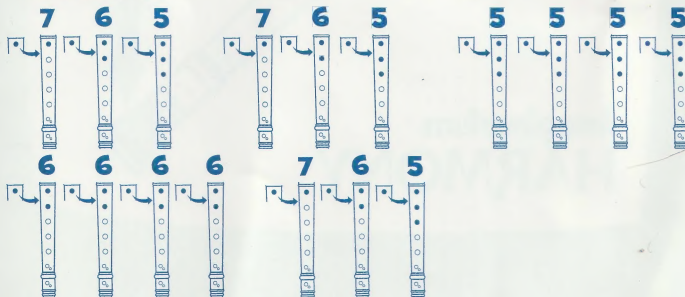
Now let's learn the rest of the notes on this scale!



Using this diagram, make sure to completely cover a hole if the dot is dark, and leave the hole open if the dot is white. For example, when you play the "7" note only your left thumb and forefinger are covering the two top holes. Playing these notes from left to right on the diagram creates an eight-note scale.

What's the secret to becoming a great recorder player? Practice! Keep playing the scale until you can produce each of the notes with a nice, clear sound. Now, let's play some fun songs using the notes you have mastered!

Hot Cross Buns:



Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star:

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Mary Had a Little Lamb:

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